

Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 14 October 2015

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.58 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bill was debated and passed

Social Security Legislation Amendment (Debit Card Trial) Bill 2015 [second reading – [first speaker](#)][–bill agreed to without amendments](#) [the bill will now be assented to]

The following bill was debated

Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (Better Targeting the Income Tax Transparency Laws) Bill 2015–second reading debate commenced [\[first speaker\]](#)

Bills introduced

- Customs Depot Licensing Charges Amendment Bill 2015, Customs Amendment (Fees and Charges) Bill 2015 and Import Processing Charges Amendment Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 14 October 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Defence Legislation Amendment (First Principles) Bill 2015 [Senate bill - [Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Social Security Legislation Amendment (Further Strengthening Job Seeker Compliance) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 14 October 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Cost of Living Concession) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 14 October 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Low Income Supplement) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 14 October 2015] [[Minister's second reading speech](#)]

Notices of motion

- to discharge a bill from the Notice Paper
Migration Amendment (Regaining Control Over Australia's Protection Obligations) Bill 2013–notice given by the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield)



- to introduce a bill
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Harming Australians) Bill 2015—notice given by the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis) and Senator Xenophon

Committees

Scheduled [public committee hearings](#)
[Committee reports](#)

Reports and documents tabled

- Economics Legislation Committee—Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 and related bills [[report](#)]
- Education and Employment References Committee—Australia’s temporary work visa programs [[interim report](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was debated]
- Human Rights Joint Committee—29th [report](#) of 44th Parliament
- President’s response to the report of the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Department of Parliamentary Services
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Shipping Legislation Amendment Bill 2015—Additional information
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—11th [report](#) and [alert digest](#) no. 11 of 2015

Meeting during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate [authorised](#) a meeting of the Treaties Joint Committee to be held while the Senate is sitting

Membership

- A [message](#) was reported from the House of Representatives notifying the appointment of members to joint committees
- The Senate [agreed](#) to vary the membership of committees

[Notice of motion](#) to refer matters to a committee

Political donations—Electoral Matters Joint Committee—to report by the last sitting day in March 2016—notice given by Senators Madigan and Xenophon

Documents

Delegated legislation

See [Disallowance Alert](#) for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

[Clerk’s documents](#) were tabled [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

Orders for the production of documents

Notices of motion

- Senator Carr gave a notice of motion requiring the Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham) to table documents relating to the review of the Disability Support Program—no later than 4.30 pm on 15 October 2015
- Senator Siewert gave a notice of motion requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Health (Senator Nash) to table documents relating to the food standards code—by no later than 22 October 2015
- Senators Carr, Lambie, Lazarus and Siewert gave a notice of motion requiring the Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham) to table documents relating to the Nous Group contract—no later than 3.30 pm on 15 October 2015

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

Letters of advice were tabled [Lists of appointments made and existing vacancies are required to be tabled 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Departmental and agency grants

Letters of advice were tabled [Lists of all grants approved are required to be tabled 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Departmental and agency unanswered questions on notice—Estimates hearings

A statement was tabled [Letters of advice in relation to questions taken on notice are required to be tabled by not later than 10 days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings]

Documents tabled

- Government documents
- Parliamentary Budget Office—Report for 2014-15

Other business

Senators' statements – first speaker

Questions without notice and issues arising during question time – first question

Adjournment debate – first speaker

Matter of public importance discussed

Administration—Responsibility for water policy—proposed by Senator Moore [first speaker]

Motions agreed to

- Law and justice—Community legal centres—Funding—moved by Senator Waters [a statement was made]
- Taxation—GST distribution—moved by Senator Wang [a statement was made]

- Transport–[Infrastructure funding](#)–moved by Senator Canavan [statements were made – [first speaker](#)]

Motion negatived

Social issues–[Anti-Poverty Week](#)–moved by Senator Siewert [a [statement](#) was made]

Temporary chairs of committees

Warrants were tabled nominating Senators Ketter and Reynolds as additional temporary chairs of committees, and revoking the nomination of Senators Dastyari and Smith as temporary chairs of committees

Notices of motion

[Further notices of motion](#) given today are available in the Senate Journals

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